

THE LAMB-SKIN, OR WHITE LEATHER APRON

Of honest toil the humble garment thou,
Yet by the Ancient Craft to uses high
And splendid raised ! No gorgeous panoply
Of knight or monarch, bright on breast or brow,--
Star, Cross or Garter,--can like thee endow
The wearer with pure honor! Emblem white
Of Innocence,--thou Lamb-skin Apron ! Light
Breaks on the darkened eyes, and teaches how
Thou must be worthily worn, when thou'rt bestowed.
True to thy glorious precepts may I stand,
Upright and just, however life may test!
For, if I wear thee spotless on the road,
When next I have thee at the Master's hand,
I may deserve thee, spotless, o'er my breast.

--A. F. Van Bibber, Maryland.